

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

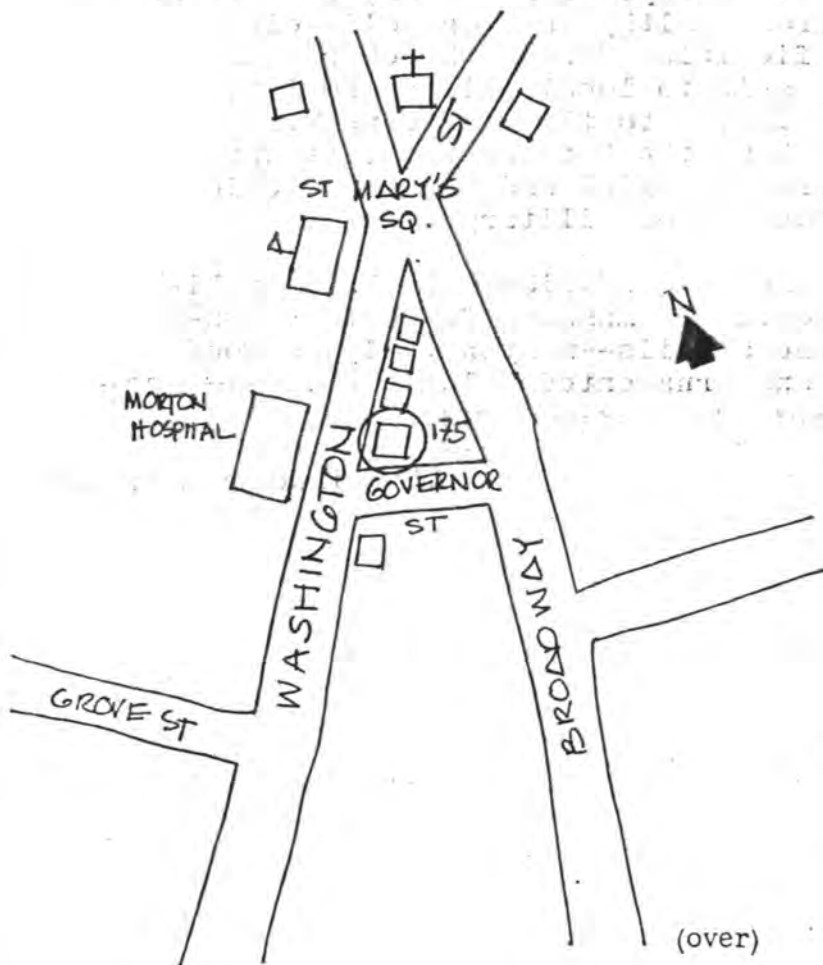
In Area no.

Form no.

175

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number _____

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.



1. Town Taunton

Address Corner Washington and Governor Sts.

Name Lothrop Memorial Building
G.A.R. Hall

Present use Medical Offices

Present owner Antonio Salvo

3. Description:

Date 1888

Source Newspaper Article

Style Queen Anne

Architect Unknown

Exterior wall fabric Random coursed
rubblestone

Outbuildings (describe) NONE

Other features See attached.

Altered Windows boarded Date c. 1978
up: _____

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size: WARD-3, PLAN-6, BLOCK-11, LOT-5

One acre or less x Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street

15'

6. Recorded by T.W.

Organization T.C.H.S.

Date 6/27/79

UTM: 19/326150/4641020

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) First Presbyterian Church of Taunton

Original use Church

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates G.A.R. Hall (1903-1975)

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	☐	Conservation	☐	Recreation	☐
Agricultural	☐	Education	☐	Religion	☐
Architectural	☒	Exploration/ settlement	☐	Science/ invention	☒
The Arts	☐	Industry	☐	Social/ humanitarian	☐
Commerce	☐	Military	☒	Transportation	☐
Communication	☐	Political	☐		
✓ Community development	☒				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The Grand Army of the Republic Hall is one of the City's most significant late 19th century civic buildings, representing phases of its religious and military history, and is a fine example of Queen Anne-inspired design.

Built in 1888 as the First Presbyterian Church, the structure was sited on land purchased from wealthy Taunton politician, Marcus Morton. Financial difficulties forced the church to dissolve and, in 1903, it was sold to local philanthropist, Cyrus Lothrop, who gave the building to the Massachusetts Veterans of the G.A.R. Throughout the 20th century, it was used as a soldiers' and sailors' memorial and housed functions commemorating the Civil War and other military events.

Despite its neglected cosmetic condition, the hall architecturally exhibits well-proportioned massing, fine stone construction and varied Queen Anne details--most notably, a wood latticework screen, brackets and ornamented balustrade. Basically rectangular in form, the most notable feature of the building is its engaged stair and bell tower, lit by very narrow windows, leading to a frame balustrade edging the roof.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Frank Penacho, "G.A.R. Building Losing the War," Taunton Gazette, August, 1979

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Community: Taunton	Form No: 175
Property Name: GAR Hall	

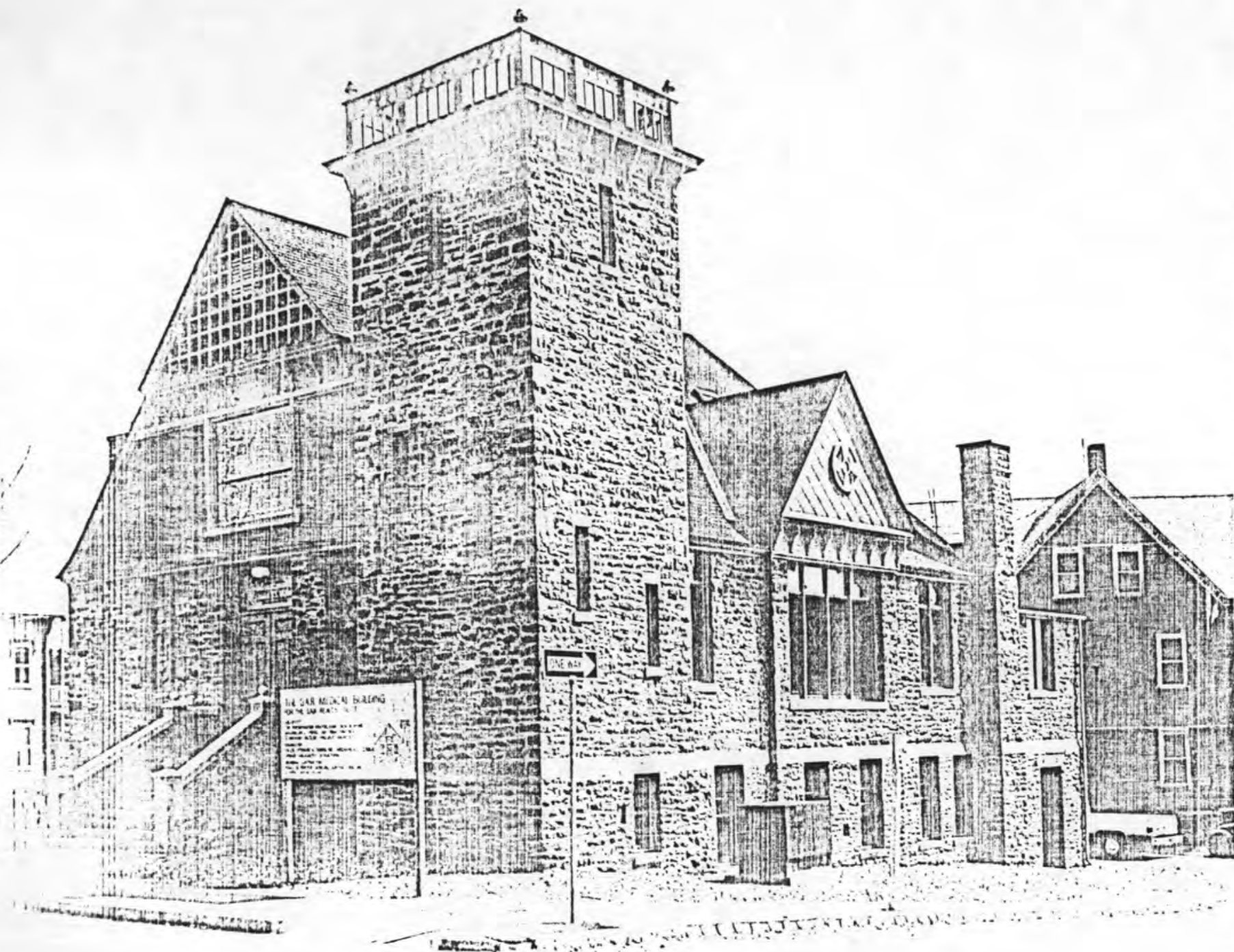
Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

Historical Significance (cont.)

G.A.R. Hall possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship and association. It meets criteria A and C of the National Register of Historic Places as an outstanding example of Queen Anne architecture with a long tradition as a community gathering place, first as a church and subsequently as a Civil War Veterans' hall. Abandoned for several years, it has recently been rehabilitated for use as medical offices. The completed work has been certified as meeting the Secretary of Interior's standard (1983). (See attached photocopy).

Boundaries conform to current lot lines.

Staple to Inventory form at bottom



United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form

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date entered

Continuation sheet

Item number

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Multiple Resource Area
Thematic Group

Name Taunton Multiple Resource Area
State Bristol County, MASSACHUSETTS

Nomination/Type of Review

Date/Signature

41. Leonard, James, House

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

42. Leonard School

Entered in the
National Register

for Keeper

Delores Byers 7/5/84

Attest

43. Lincoln, Ambrose Jr., House

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National Register

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44. Lincoln, Asa, House

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National Register

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45. Lincoln, Gen. Thomas,
House

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National Register

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46. Lord-Baylies-Bennett House

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National Register

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47. Lothrop, H. B., Store

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National Register

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48. Lothrop Memorial Building-
G.A.R. Hall

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National Register

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49. Macomber, Calvin T., House

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National Register

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50. Marvel, Theodore L., House

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Lothrop Memorial Building-G.A.R. Hall
(Taunton MRA)
Bristol County
MASSACHUSETTS

Working No. MAY 21 1984
Fed. Reg. Date: 2.5.85
Date Due: 6/21/84 - 7/5/84
Action: ☒ ACCEPT 7-5-84
☐ RETURN
☐ REJECT
Federal Agency: _____

Entered in the
National Register

- ☐ resubmission
☐ nomination by person or local government
☐ owner objection
☐ appeal

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: _____ technical corrections cited below
_____ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ excellent | ☐ deteriorated |
| ☐ good | ☐ ruins |
| ☐ fair | ☐ unexposed |

Check one

- ☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site
☐ moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph
☐ completeness
☐ clarity
☐ alterations/integrity
☐ dates
☐ boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

_____ national _____ state _____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title date

13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet



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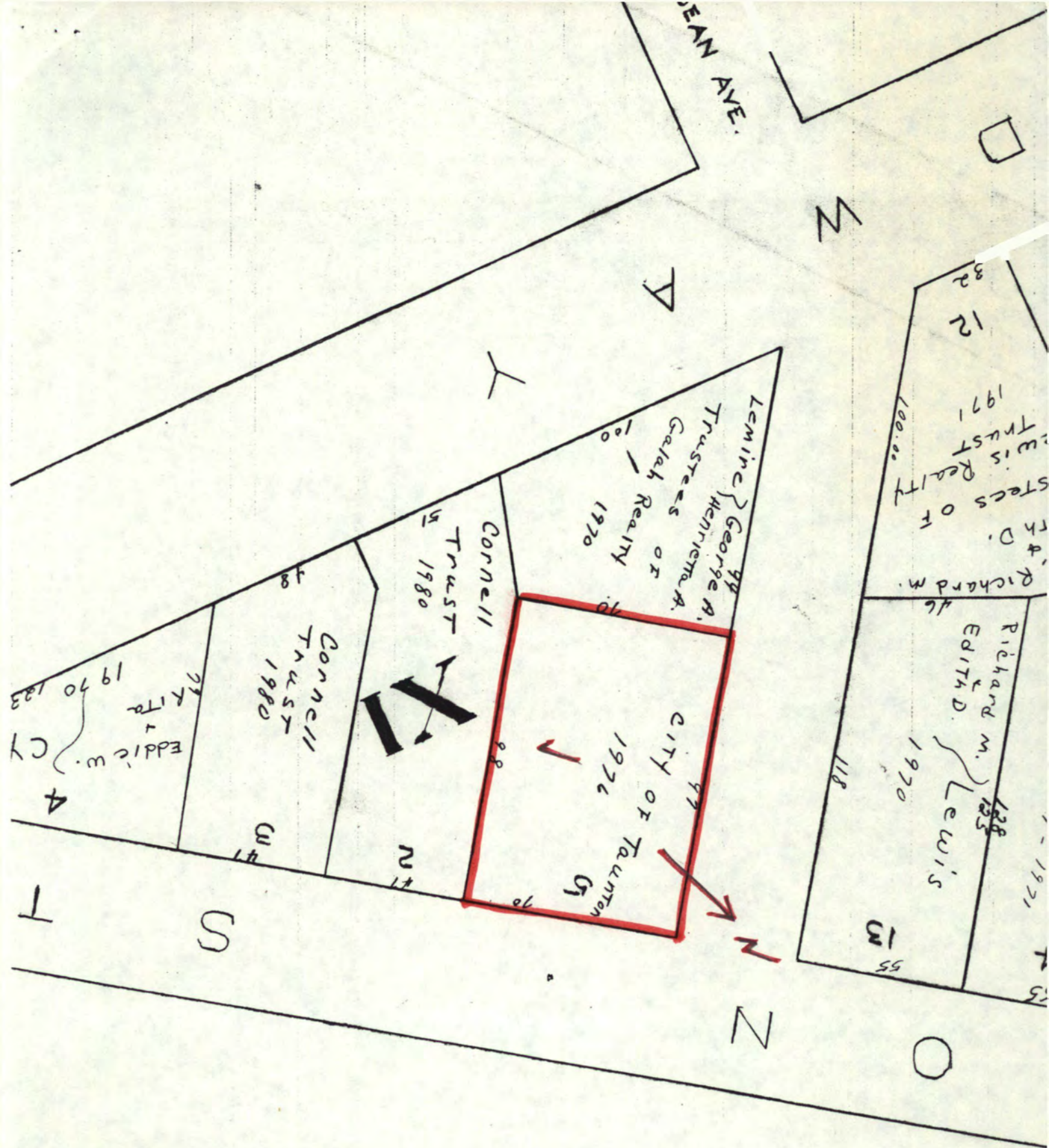
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TAUNTON MULTIPLE RESOURCE
NOMINATION

FORM NO. 175

G.A.R. HALL

SCALE: 1" = 40'

MAP NO. WD 3, Pg. 6, Lot 5

ACREAGE *less than one*

Please refer to the map in the
Multiple Property Cover Sheet
for this property

Multiple Property Cover Sheet Reference Number: 64000297